

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 19 NOVEMBER 2015**

**REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2015:  
THE ROLE OF COMMUNITIES IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING OF THE POPULATION**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health, which this year focuses on the role of communities in improving the health and wellbeing of the population.

**Background**

2. The Director of Public Health's (DPH) Annual Report is a statutory independent report on the health of the population of Leicestershire.
3. This year's report is attached as an Appendix to this report. It builds on the report of the previous year, which set out the case for focusing on the social and economic factors which underpin health for everyone in Leicestershire. These include healthy housing, access to quality lifelong education, fair and secure employment and a supportive social circle.
4. This year the work has been further developed by looking at how public health and our partners across the health system can strengthen and enhance the impact that communities have on people's health and wellbeing.
5. The aim of this report is to raise awareness of the role that communities have in improving the health of the population and the need for all partners concerned with the health and wellbeing of the population to work together to support and develop this role in the future. The report also highlights the need for good local leadership of this agenda to ensure that there are significant overall benefits for our populations.
6. The report includes the 2015 JSNA Executive Summary as a data appendix to raise awareness of this important strategic document and to set out the scale of the challenges facing the health and social care needs of the population in the future.
7. It is believed that implementation of the recommendations of this report will have a significant positive impact on the health of our population.

**Existing Framework / Previous Decisions**

8. Last year's report focussed on the wider determinants of health and this report includes an update on progress against the recommendations made in that report.

### **Consultations**

9. The report is the independent report of the Director of Public Health.

### **Resource Implications**

10. Full implementation of the recommendations of the report will need to be addressed through the commissioning cycle.

### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

11. Implementation of the report's recommendations would have a positive impact on health inequalities.

### **Partnership Working Implications**

12. The recommendations within this report focus on actions across local government that will improve the population's health. The recommendations focus not just on the actions that Public Health will need to take as a lead agency, but on the actions that they can support as a partner as well as the actions that they can influence as an advocate. The basis of the report is improving population health in partnership with other key agencies and addressing the wider determinants of health is only possible through partnership working.

### **Conclusions / Recommendations**

13. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board support the recommendations in the Director of Public Health's Annual Report.

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